

November 26, 1973

Mr. Mulligan:

Re: Dr. Richard J. Hickey
(Special Projects)

As you know, certain Special Projects in the area of smoking and health have been conducted through the years and have been financed by various company contributions.

One of these has been the work in recent years of Dr. Hickey and colleagues at the Management and Behavioral Science Center of The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Hickey has carried on work in support of the theory first put forward by Sir Ronald Fisher that one's constitution dictates whether he contracts lung cancer, heart disease, etc. His work has been published widely in prestigious scientific publications and has considerable support. He firmly believes that statistics can negate a causal hypothesis but not prove one. He has attacked many statistical studies and their conclusions in the area of smoking and health and continues to do so. (I have a file of his recent publications should you care to see it)

Dr. Hickey's funding has expired and he has asked for support for himself and three associates at the rate of \$55,000 a year for two years. The Ad Hoc Committee of trial counsel recommended that such support be given.

In your absence, I said Liggett & Myers would participate to the extent of its share of market assuming all others were a part of it (about \$3,000 a year). John Murphy says the funds are available within the budget.

In my opinion, the money will be well spent. Dr. Hickey's work is most useful in litigation and he is one of a relative few who have stood up to the relative avalanche of statistical studies which continue to arrive at causation through statistical associations.

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cc: Mr. Old

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